



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC

[Project No. 4114-062]

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and
Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Application: Notice of Intent (NOI) to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP)
- b. Project No.: 4114-062
- c. Date filed: May 31, 2022
- d. Submitted by: Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC (Lower Saranac)
- e. Name of Project: Lower Saranac Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: Located on the Saranac River, in Clinton County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Mr. Kevin Webb, Licensing Manager, Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC, 670 N. Commercial Street, Suite 204 100, Manchester, NH 03101. Phone: (978) 935-6039, Email: kwebb@centralriverspower.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Erin Stocksclaeder, Phone: (202) 502-8107, Email: erin.stocksclaeder@ferc.gov.
- j. Lower Saranac filed its request to use the TLP on May 31, 2022 and provided public notice of its request on May 30, 2022. In a letter dated July 21, 2022, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Lower Saranac's request to use the TLP.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating Lower Saranac as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the

Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Lower Saranac filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<https://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. The applicant states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 4114. Pursuant to 18 CFR §§ 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by May 31, 2025.

p. Register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

DATED: July 21, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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